

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Office of the County Executive



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe  
Harford"

#### EDUCATION

"Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future"

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

#### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Growing and Sustaining  
Harford's Prosperity"

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our  
Environment"

#### QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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### Poster Contest helps Harford County Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Government and Harford County Public Schools have announced the winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Conservation and Stewardship Poster Contest** at an awards ceremony held December 1 at the Eden Mill Nature Center in Pylesville. Parents, teachers and Harford County Public School administrators joined Harford County Government's Sustainability Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation to honor the students.

The Conservation and Stewardship Poster Contest started last year with Harford County Government and the HCPS partnering to raise awareness among Harford County Government employees and the community about efficiently using and reusing our resources. "The posters were such a success; we wanted to do the contest again this year" said Erin Ferriter, Ph.D. Sustainability Coordinator from Harford County Government. The winning posters are displayed in Harford County Government office buildings, Harford County Public Libraries and throughout Harford County Public Schools.

More than 425 entries were received and reviewed during the contest. Judges from Harford County Public Schools and Harford County Government's **Green Team** selected one winner from each category based upon artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme. The categories and winners are:

- K-2 Recycling: *Carmen Anderson*, 1<sup>st</sup> Grader from Church Creek Elementary School
- 3-5 Energy Conservation: *Addy Dean*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader from North Harford Elementary School
- 6-8 Alternative/ Reusable Energy: *Allie Nesbit*, 7<sup>th</sup> Grader from Southampton Middle School
- 9-10 Reducing Your Carbon Footprint: *Sabrina Thomas*, 9<sup>th</sup> Grader from Havre de Grace High School
- 11-12 Sustainability: *Shanice Lewis*, 12<sup>th</sup> Grader from Aberdeen High School

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The poster contest builds upon County Executive David R. Craig's Environmental Stewardship Initiative to *protect and preserve the County's environment through efficient use and reuse of its resources*. In 2010, the Administration's commitment was strengthened with the creation of the Sustainability Office to further the development of partnerships, programs and practices that efficiently use and reuse the County's environmental, social and economic resources for current and future generations. The initiative began with planning sustainability strategies within government operations and now is expanding to create community support and actions such as the poster contest.

As Harford County strives to preserve Harford County's past while promoting Harford County's future, we must work together in order to be successful. Together we can make a difference and the posters will be reminders to each person who sees them to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink how we use our resources.

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"Preserving Harford's past; promoting Harford's future"